

Remarks

Claims 1-15 and 18-20 are currently pending and before the Examiner for consideration. Favorable consideration of the pending claims, in view of the remarks that follow, is earnestly solicited.

Claims 1-15 and 18-20 have been rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-18 of copending Application No. 10/476,205. Please note that the applicant is submitting herewith a Terminal Disclaimer with respect to the '205 application; thereby, rendering this rejection moot.

The applicant's submission of a Terminal Disclaimer has been done to expedite prosecution and should not be interpreted to indicate that the applicants have agreed with, or acquiesced to, the double patenting rejection set forth in the outstanding Office Action. The applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection in view of the submission of the Terminal Disclaimer.

In view of the foregoing remarks and the amendments to the claims, the applicant believes that the currently pending claims are in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR §§1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

The applicant invites the Examiner to call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any of this response, or if the Examiner believes a telephonic interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,



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